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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The Office Action mailed Aug. 13, 2001 (Paper No. 9), has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

## **REMARKS**

## **Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejected all presently-pending claims 1-16 and 18-21. Specifically, the Office Action rejected claims 1-16 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (U.S. Patent 6,118,154) in view of Hu et al. (U.S. Patent 6,121,077), Erdeljac et